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HONGKONG, 5TH MARCH, 1904

At the present time, when the physical condition of the people is being discussed in many countries, notably in England, it is interesting to see to what extent different nations are considering one another's systems of physical training. In one of the most recent issues of the London *Daily Chronicle* we find an article by Dr. JAMES CANTLIE, whose name is well known in this Colony, where he gained no small part of his present fame as a physician with knowledge of life in the East. Dr. CANTLIE has under his consideration a little book on *Japanese Physical Training*, written by Mr. H. I. HANCOCK, an American writer who has lived in Japan and has made a study of the science of *ju-jitsu*, that is, the Japanese method of physical culture. Mr. HANCOCK is an enthusiast, and holds that the Japanese, in consequence of the physical exercises practised by them, have become "the healthiest, the strongest, and the happiest men and women in the world." This is of course a very big claim, and at this time, when Japan is being put to the greatest test which she has undergone at any period in her history, its enunciation particularly challenges criticism. We will see what Dr. CANTLIE has to say on the subject. Admitting the good qualities of the Japanese nation, he nevertheless is not inclined to allow the Japanese to be, even among the Asiatics alone, the only people who have attained a high state of physical perfection. He says:—"The Nepalese, as evidenced by the soldiers in our Goorka regiments, are capable of an endurance equal to any thing claimed for the Japanese. The good

temper and willingness of the Goorka in a time of stress is proverbial, and his prowess has been tested in battle to an extent which the Japanese have not yet had "a real opportunity of undergoing. The Turk and the Sikh are also endowed with a power of endurance in no degree inferior to that claimed for the Japanese." But Dr. CANTLIE agrees that the Japanese alone in the world have brought their methods of physical training to a precision bordering on exact scientific principles. These methods he defines as follows:—"Simplicity in diet, physical exercises in fresh air without apparatus, and the recognition of the fact that equanimity of temper during contests is an important element in developing the national character. With regard to diet he says that British and American ideas of animal food are primarily confined to beef and mutton; fish, fowl, and pork being relegated to an insignificant or at least a secondary place in dietary. That this is quite a mistake both experience and the teachings of science tell us. Nevertheless it is a mistake though one constantly made, to say that Orientals live on rice. Rice, says Dr. CANTLIE, in the diet of the Oriental, merely takes the place of bread, but it can supplant no other element of food. Still, if we look at what Mr. HANCOCK gives as the sample dietary of a heavy Japanese adult to whom the cost of living is not a troublesome consideration, we find that rice plays an enormously larger part in the menu than bread does in any Western country. Fruit and vegetables and a little fish—more of the latter in the winter—add variety to the diet, but the basis is rice, if Mr. HANCOCK is right. With reference to exercise, Dr. CANTLIE willingly admits that the Japanese have much to teach us. The outstanding point in their system is that they dispense with the elaboration of our gymnasia. Muscle against muscle is the means adopted, and the absence of apparatus allows of the physical exercises being conducted away from a gymnasium—a most important factor from a hygienic point of view. The gymnasium at home is too often in the heart of a large city, by no means the place where fresh air is plentiful. And exercise without fresh air, Dr. CANTLIE reminds us, if it does not do actual harm, can do but a minimum of good. Mr. HANCOCK draws special attention in his book to the open-air life of the Japanese and their absence of dread of "night air" and "draughts." This, says Dr. CANTLIE, shows an advanced state of hygienic knowledge worthy of imitation. Man was originally an out-of-door liver, but he has come to a large extent to live in towns. The difference between the Japanese and the Anglo-Saxon the *Chronicle* writer puts thus:—"The Japanese wisely set to work to 'create a scheme of physical training to counteract the evil effects of city life; in this they have succeeded, for they have 'managed to maintain a good physique even amongst their town folk.' On the other hand, 'by both instinct and heredity the Anglo-Saxon was a country-man as opposed to a town-dweller. He has not yet learned 'the secret of maintaining his physique in towns; he is too new to it, being only in 'the second generation of the attempt, as compared with the many score of generations the Japanese have been acquiring 'the art.'"

"Shall we try *ju-jitsu*?" is the question which Dr. CANTLIE asks at the head of the article from which we have been quoting. He answers it himself in the course of the article, and says that were we to adopt the system of *ju-jitsu* followed in Japan—namely, simplicity in diet, and physical exercises, without apparatus, in the open air—great good would accrue to our children and young men. He would at the same time insist further on devoting even more attention to the development of the lower limbs among town-dwellers and strongly advocates dancing (!) as the best form of all exercise for children. But he goes on to say that, in recommending dancing for children in towns, he does not mean the "round dances," such as waltzing, in which one child breathes into the other's face, nor the "square dances," which afford but a minimum of exercise; but would teach them step-dances, during which every muscle of the body, with the exception of the upper limbs, is called into play. Dancing should be practised, by children at any rate, in the open air or merely under shelter, and not in the heated atmosphere of sitting-rooms, etc. On the whole, our former fellow-resident is a warm supporter of the Japanese ideas of physical culture, and we have no doubt that his opinion will carry weight. Mr. HANCOCK, in his book on the subject, evidently believes in the convincing nature of the *canon*, he pleads. If the methods have done all that is claimed for them

among the Japanese, then they certainly deserve the fullest attention. And, as we have said, at the present moment the question of physical training is one that is engaging much attention. Highly recommended as it is, Japan's system calls for the attention of both Europe and America.

The German Mail of the 3rd February was delivered in London on the 3rd inst.

A French contemporary announces the approaching marriage of Colonel Marchand, of Fashoda fame, with the widow of the late Commandant Heriot.

Three per cent. of the officers of the Japanese Army, according to the last annual report of the British and Foreign Bible Society, are said to be Christians.

We may mention that a copy of the work mentioned in our leading article to-day, *Japanese Physical Training*, has been sent to us by Messrs. Kelly and Walsh, who have it on sale at their store.

To-morrow special sermons will be preached and special collections will be made in St. John's Cathedral on behalf of the British and Foreign Bible Society. The preachers will be the Bishop of Victoria and the Rev. W. J. Southam.

The military authorities announce that gun practice will be carried out from Eagle's Nest Hills, south-east of Tai Po Road, in a direction due north, against the southern slope of Needle Hill to the north-west of the road, on Monday next between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m.

The Acting Secretary of the Punjom Mining Company informs us that the result of the February crushing at the mines as received by wire is as follows:—63 ounces gold from 760 tons crushed, estimated value \$2,500. The crushing includes 20 tons from the recently discovered reef at Manik yielding 4 ounces.

We have received from Mr. Motojima Takarabe, proprietor of the Independent News Agency (Dokuritu Tsushin), Tokyo, a photographic illustration of the reception ceremony held there on the 19th ult. in honour of the crews who brought out the *Nishiki* and *Kasuga*. It is an excellent souvenir of the occasion. An address of welcome was read by Mr. Y. Ozaki, the Mayor of the city; and Lieut. Boyle, representing the Armstrong Company, replied. Afterwards the guests were entertained with wrestling matches and fireworks, and in the evening with a banquet in the Imperial Hotel.

Speaking of Dr. Cantlie, whom we mention elsewhere to-day, the London *Daily Chronicle* says:—"It is now a common saying that the pure Cockney does not survive after three generations. This view was first expressed by Dr. James Cantlie. The whole question is one to which he has given much attention, and it was as a result of direct study and inquiry that he arrived at his interesting theory of the Cockney. He is able to speak of *Jiu-Jitsu*, the Japanese system of physical training, for he lived several years in the Far East. It was Dr. Cantlie, as will be remembered, who was instrumental in rescuing Sun Yat-sen when that intelligent Chinaman was imprisoned at the Chinese Legation.

We have received a letter with reference to certain allegations which have appeared in a local Portuguese contemporary concerning St. Joseph's College. Some time ago a little trouble occurred at the College owing to certain Filipino students disregarding the rules of the College with regard to leave. It appears that the boarders are allowed to visit the homes of their parents or correspondents every first Sunday in the month, but it came to the knowledge of the Director that some of the adult Filipinos were visiting other places than those they were expected to visit, and their leave was consequently stopped. This greatly offended them, and some of the most discontented ones left the school and apparently disseminated the story that they had armed themselves with cricket bats and challenged the Brothers of the College to fight it out in the playground! The Portuguese paper *O Porvir*, it appears, took advantage of this incident which is stated by our correspondent to have been greatly exaggerated in the local press, to make some unjust charges against the trustees of the College. It alleged among other things that the British Colonial Government made a free grant of the site of the College to the Catholic mission for the creation of a school for the sons of Portuguese residents. Our correspondent denies this assertion. The site in fact was released by the Catholic Mission. It is true that grants in aid of the College have been made by the Government, but the Brothers are under no obligation to exclude Filipinos or Chinese Roman Catholics from the College. The *Porvir*, however, has appealed to its readers to petition the Government to provide and endow better schools for the Portuguese children in the Colony. Our correspondent points out that St. Joseph's College was established not for the exclusive benefit of any particular race, but for the education of the sons of Roman Catholics, and he claims that no odious discrimination between the races is shown by the Brothers of the College, and that the mixture of races in the classes is beneficial to the school inasmuch as a healthy rivalry is created among the students which results in the maintenance generally of a good standard of efficiency. It is ridiculous to suggest, says our correspondent, that the interests of Portuguese boys are disregarded merely because boys of other races are admitted into the College.

The P. & O. Co.'s s.s. *Malacca* left Singapore for this port on the 3rd instant at 10 p.m.

The *Sec* remarks that "if Russia had never flirted with the 'Dali Lama, England might have been content to forego any such attempts as the present Tibet Expedition."

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Netherdale Hospitals begs to acknowledge, with thanks, the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—

Punchard Lowther & Co. ... .. \$100  
Zoroastrian ... .. 10

Mr. A. C. Botelho has resigned and vacated his position as entrance and clearance clerk at the Harbour Office, having secured a better appointment in a commercial firm. Mr. M. Rahfeek, holding a like appointment, and interpreter, has also resigned and leaves, we understand, at the end of the month. Mr. Rahfeek is quite a linguist, being fluent in English, Chinese, Malay, and Hindustani.

An interesting ceremony will take place to-morrow, Sunday, at 4.30 p.m. in the compound of the Roman Catholic Cathedral, Glenside. The new set of five bells, recently acquired for the Cathedral partly by public subscription and partly presented by various members of the Roman Catholic community of Hongkong, will be finally placed in the new campanile, which is now nearing completion, and blessed by the Right Rev. Bishop Piazzi. The bells came from Italy, and we understand that the peals are very sonorous, and if they are ably manipulated these bells will prove to be a fine acquisition for the Roman Catholic Cathedral. They will, in any case, supersede the two old bells, the clanging of which we are so wont to hear.

On the 30th January last, the 255th anniversary of his execution, the Jacobites of London placed on his monument in Trafalgar Square their numerous wreaths to the memory of Charles I. There were some dozen wreaths, and one of them came from Mr. Donald McLeod and Mr. Angus McPherson, of Ransay, representatives of the people who rowed Prince Charles Stuart "over the water to Skye" on the most memorable occasion of his career. It bore the inscription:—"In memory of the loyal clans of the west of Scotland," and on the accompanying card was this verse:—  
"To you who fought in many a fight  
For right divine  
We place these flowers in memory  
Of auld lang syne."

On the same day the Holy Eucharist was celebrated in the ancient City church of St. Margaret Patten in Road Lane, off Eastcheap.

## THE DALLAS COMPANY.

Last night, at the Theatre, before a good attendance, this Company staged *The Messenger Boy*, a play which was very successful at the Gaiety in London. A good house witnessed the performance. *The Messenger Boy* will be repeated to-night.

## ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

The tenth club race will be sailed by the championship yachts to-day at 1.30 p.m., and by the one-design and handicap classes to-morrow at 1 p.m. and 1.10 p.m. Course No. 6.  
The ninth club race will be sailed by the championship class on Saturday, 12th March, at 1.30 p.m. Course No. 23.

## FOOTBALL.

This afternoon, on the Happy Valley, the Hongkong Football Club will play the V.R.C. Kick-off at 4.15 p.m. The following will be the teams:—

H.K.F.C.—F. H. Kew, goal; H. C. Austen and V. E. Annett, backs; H. C. Gray, C. T. Kew, and G. P. de Martin, halves; W. H. Williams, C. B. Cooper, N. H. Rutherford, J. W. C. Bennet, and H. A. Brent, forwards.  
V.R.C.—A. N. Other (goal); E. R. Herton and J. W. Mitchell (backs); F. Forbes, H. S. Holmes, and E. Humphreys (halves); H. W. Sayer, Gladwell, Coomes, Hamblin, and A. Marti (forwards).

By kind permission of Major Radcliff and officers, the band of the 93rd Burma Infantry will play at the Hongkong Hotel from 8 to 9.30 p.m. to-night:—

March:—"The Soldiers of the Guard" Lever Overture ... Zampar ... Harold Selection ... Kitty Grey ... Monckton Mazurka ... "Slavonic Dances" ... Karoly Klay Selection ... "A Chinese Honey-moon" ... Talbot Waltz ... "Idylls" ... Waldteufel Romance ... "Clair de Lune" ... Thome "God Save the King."

Menu:  
Hors d'oeuvres  
Caviare and Olive Croutons.  
Soup.  
Consomme a la Windsor.  
FISH.  
Boiled Salmon Sauce Hollandaise.

ENTREES.  
Figeon au Compote  
Veal Cutlets and Spinach  
Tomato Farce.  
CURED.  
Oyster.  
JOINTS.  
Roast Sirloin of Beef and Horse-radish  
Roast Chicken and Bread Sauce  
Boiled York Ham and Sour Cream.

COLE.  
Roast Lamb and Mint Sauce  
Cucumber Salad.  
SWISSES.  
Bread and Butter Pudding  
Raspberry Ice-cream  
Cherry Tart  
Tiger Cake  
Dessert.  
Coffee.  
Fruits.

## TELEGRAMS.

"DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.]

## THE WAR.

THE RUSSIAN FLEET IN THE  
RED SEA.

LONDON, 4th Mar., 11.50 a.m.

The Russian fleet has been ordered to remain in the Red Sea.

## REBELLION IN YUNNAN.

INDEMNITY TAX THE CAUSE.

SHANGHAI, 3rd March, 7.40 p.m.

A rebellion has broken out at Chinning-chou, Yunnan, against the indemnity tax.

A mob has looted the sub-pretect's Yamen. [Chinning or Taining-chou is a town 24 miles south-east of Yunnan-fu, being situated at the other end of the large lake on the north bank of which the provincial capital itself stands. It is little known to Europeans.—ED. D.P.]

## REUTER'S SERVICE.

THE WAR.—RUSSIA'S NEW  
COMMANDER.

LONDON, 2nd March.

General Kuropatkin starts for Manchuria on the 12th instant.

JAPAN'S REPLY TO RUSSIAN  
CHARGES.

LONDON, 2nd March.

Japan has issued a reply to the Russian Notes of the 24th February, in which she justifies the rupture, especially owing to Russia's over increasing military preparations. The Japanese announcement on the 8th February that she would take independent action naturally meant open hostilities.

## THE "DMITRI DONSKOI."

LONDON, 2nd March.

The *Dmitri Donskoi* has been granted five days to repair at Suva.

## JAPANESE IN LONDON.

LONDON, 2nd March.

Twenty-five Japanese officers departing for Japan were warmly cheered at Euston Station, London, yesterday.

## CONTRABAND OF WAR.

LONDON, 2nd March.

Great Britain and the United States are conferring with the view of concerted action to safeguard their respective interests regarding contraband of war.

Five Russian torpedo-boats have left Port Said for Algiers. It is reported that they are directed to waylay and search vessels in the Mediterranean for contraband of war.

## THE NEUTRALITY OF COREA.

LONDON, 2nd March.

It is considered in Berlin that Russia cannot maintain the fiction of the independence and neutrality of Corea after the publication of the alliance between Japan and Corea.

BRITISH REINFORCEMENTS FOR  
THE FAR EAST.

LONDON, 2nd March.

One hundred and fifty Sherwood Foresters, a draft of the Army Service Corps for Hongkong, and 295 of the 2nd battalion of the 4th Manchester for Singapore embark per P. & O. s.s. *Manila* on Saturday.

## CRICKET.

H.K.C.C. v. THE NAVY.

The following will play for the H. K. C. C. against the Navy to-day, commencing at 11.30:—  
J. T. Dixon, W. E. Dixon, Capt. P. G. Davies, A.O.D., Major Chichester, D.A.A.G. H. Hancock, R. Hancock, Lt. P. M. Heath, 110th Mah. I., A. Mackenzie, A. R. Lowe, R. A. B. Ponsbury and T. Sercombe Smith.

## LEAGUE MATCHES.

The following team will represent the Civil Service C.C. in their League Match against the R.E.C.C. on the Garrison Ground to-day, commencing at 2.15 p.m. sharp:—Hon. Dr. Atkinson, U. A. Woodcock, H. T. Jackson, P. T. Lambie, W. H. Woolley, H. Bidley, J. Deveney, J. Lander, B. Widdell, F. T. Robins, and L. H. Broke.

The following team will represent the 2nd Eleven of the Civil Service C.C. in a match with the R.A.M.C. on the Civil Service ground, commencing at 2.15 p.m. to-day:—A. Brown, F. Allen, W. Cooper, W. Dolbs, J. Hutchings, S. M. Gidley, H. Knight, D. J. Mackenzie, W. Pitt, W. T. Andrews, and E. Duncan.

## WAR NOTES.

OFFICIAL DESPATCHES.

We understand that a very important official report on the fight at Chemulpo has been sent down by Captain Bailey, H.M.S. *Talbot*, but naturally it is of a confidential nature and not intended for publication.

## THE VLADIVOSTOK SQUADRON.

With regard to the movements of the Russian Vladivostok squadron after the sinking of the *Nagaura-maru*, Captain Enami, of that vessel, after his arrival in Japan, could not say what the war-ships were doing during the four days he was a prisoner on board until the squadron arrived at Vladivostok, as the Japanese were kept close prisoners below decks. According to his judgment, however, the squadron cruised to and fro off the coast of Japan apparently without any special object.

## COLOMBO NEWS.

H.M.S. *Porpoise*, twin-screw third class cruiser, Commander A. J. Hotham, has arrived in Colombo Harbour from Bombay. She will remain for an indefinite period as a port guard ship and will see that the neutrality rules in the matter of supplying coal, etc., to armed vessels of belligerents are observed. The *Porpoise's* armament consists of six 6-in. quick fire, eight 3-pounders, 2 machine guns, and one light gun beside 3 torpedo-tubes.

Two Hotchkiss quick-firing guns are being fixed into position at the end of the south-west breakwater.

The steamer *Tweeddale* arrived in Colombo harbour on the 16th ult. from Port Talbot, Wales, bound for Vladivostok, with a cargo of 6,400 tons of patent fuel coal dust agglutinated with pitch and compressed into briquettes, in which form it burns readily. The stuff was intended for the Russians at Vladivostok, but has been diverted to Saigon. When the *Tweeddale* arrived at Colombo Capt. Milne found instructions awaiting him from the owners to proceed to the chief port of Cochinchina, where he would receive instructions to land the patent fuel there. The Captain did not think the patent fuel was intended for Russian war-ships. He believed it was for railways as he never heard of men-of-war burning patent fuel, to do which they would have to be fitted with special furnaces; besides which, patent fuel was not as good as pure coal.

A small steamer, *Wodeley II* from Helsing, for, Finland, has arrived at Colombo on her way to Port Arthur. She is a powerful little vessel of 237 tons net register, and was being sent out by the Russian Government to perform the duties of a tug at the fortified Russian depot in the East. The first intimation she received of war was at Colombo. The agents are now awaiting instructions, pending the receipt of which the tug will remain in Colombo.

## THE COREAN ARMY.

The Russian *Insulid* states that during the last eighty years the Korean Army has been under the guidance respectively of Chinese, Japanese, American, and Russian instructors, and the effects of the various systems of training are still to be traced. The Korean Army has neither cavalry nor artillery, but consists entirely of infantry. At its head stands the brigade of guards, which is stationed at Seoul, and numbers 2,500 men, formed into five battalions of five companies each. The provincial brigades number five, but these have only three battalions of five companies, of 1,500 men each, making a grand total for the whole army of 10,000 men. There is no conscription, the men being paid 6 yen, or about 12s. 6d. monthly, with free equipment and kit. The pay is high for Corea, and there is no difficulty in obtaining recruits. Many of the soldiers, after paying their mess, are able to keep their families on the balance of their pay. There is no standard of age or of physical qualities, but in spite of this the men of the guards brigade do not differ greatly in age or size; in the provincial brigades, however, there are many who are little more than boys.

The officers receive their training at the cadet school at Seoul, but this consists chiefly in drill, the military science taught being only very elementary. The cadets in the school number about 500, and 100 to 150 join the colours yearly, their places in the school being filled by fresh admissions. The time spent at school varies from two to four years, according to the ability of the cadet. Promotion is by seniority, by merit, and by influence. The officer of small ability and with little or no influence has to wait a long time for promotion. In spite of the low standard of the training from the European point of view, the young officers make a favourable impression on foreign military experts. They look well in their fine uniform, are smart in their movements, and amiable and good-tempered. With proper training they could be made into trustworthy and zealous officers. The Korean generals and older officers give one quite a different impression. The rifles are for the most part of old patterns such as the Berdan, Remington, and Gras, intermixed with an occasional Mauser and Martini. Owing to the competitions in the villages, the men can shoot well at short distances, but for long distances the markings on the sights are quite unintelligible to them, and the want of uniformity in the weapons need adds to their difficulties.

## THE JAPANESE AS LOSERS.

Considerable doubt is widely expressed in this Colony whether Japan could fight a losing game, the common impression being that she would not do so well. It is interesting to note what Mr. George Lynch, the *Daily Chronicle* correspondent, has to say on the point. Writing about the time of the "Boxer" campaign, he said:—"There is one situation on which we have nothing to base an opinion regarding how the

Japanese are likely to acquit themselves—I mean as to how they are likely to behave if they were called upon to fight a losing fight. If they were opposed by an equal number of Russians I would lay odds on the Japanese, regiment for regiment; but suppose a body of Japanese against overwhelming odds. How will they fight on the defensive—how will they fight where they are compelled to retire? Of their *dash* and dash in attack there need be little doubt, but will they have the dour stolidity and steadiness requisite for playing the other part of the game? We have nothing of recent experience to guide us, but personally I believe that the high and sterling soldier-like qualities they possess will stand them in good stead in the hour of stress."

#### THE MASONIC QUADRILLE CLUB.

The final ball of a most successful series given by the above club took place in the Masonic Hall in Teo House Street last night, the function but adding laurels to those already won by the President, Mr. H. W. Wolfe, and the committee, among whom were Messrs. J. Sibbett, F. Robins, W. Higley, J. Gast, E. Day, J. A. Wheel, H. Jewitt, F. Stokes, J. Hawkes, W. Hills, E. R. Uddall, A. P. Goodwin, the M.C.'s being Messrs. W. E. Smith, H. J. McCaffery, and C. N. Parkinson; G. J. W. King, ex-secretary, and Messrs. W. F. Hunt, R.E., and W. E. Smith, H.E., who had all worked hard to make the last ball of the season the unequalled success it proved. The rooms had been very gaily decorated with palms, ferns, flags, and flowers, the verandahs being turned into veritable bowers, affording delightful resting-places for the light trippers in the giddy mazes of the waltz, and other light fantastic evolutions, and was ablaze with Japanese lanterns. The rooms had all been very elegantly arranged as boudoirs for the ladies, and cloak-rooms for the hardier sex, while an excellent supper, to which full justice was done, was laid out in the library, the tables being most tastefully arranged. It was veritably and indeed, in the "wee wee" hours ayt the twal that the company reluctantly dispersed, and then only on account of certain significant actions on the part of the lighting apparatus!

Mr. Wolfe and his energetic corps of assistants, on the committee, as M.C.'s, ushers, and so on, are certainly to be heartily congratulated on what can only be pronounced a signal success. At the end Mr. H. Wolfe and G. J. W. King, ex-secretary, was given a cheer, with *bon voyage*, on his approaching departure for home.

#### V.R.C. ATHLETIC SPORTS.

##### FULL PARTICULARS.

The Victoria Recreation Club hold their Athletic Sports on Monday, 4th April, at the Hongkong Football Club ground, Happy Valley, under the law of the A. A. Association and open to all gentleman amateurs who are members, or visitors, of the Hongkong Club, Club Germania, Lusitano, Cricket, Taihook, Bowling, Hongkong Boat, and Victoria Recreation Clubs.

An entrance fee of \$1 for each event, or a \$9 general entry fee will be charged. Entries close on Monday, 28th inst.

The full list of events is as follows:—

1. Long Jump.
2. Throwing the Cricket Ball.
3. High Jump.
4. 120 yards Flat Race (Handicap).
5. Bicycle Race, 1 mile. (Handicap).
6. 100 yards Flat Race.
7. Tag-of-War—8 men a side—open to Non-Commissioned officers and men of Army and Police (Indian). Each Regiment or Corps may enter one team only.
8. Bicycle Race, 2 miles. (Handicap).
9. Half-mile Flat Race.
10. Sack Race.
11. 120 yards Hurdle Race, 10 Flights.
12. 220 yards Flat Race (Handicap).
13. Three-legged Race, 100 yards.
14. Tag-of-War—8 men a side—open to Non-Commissioned officers and men of Army and Police, Each (Ship, Regiment or Corps may enter one team only).
15. 120 yards Veterans' Race (Handicap).
16. One mile Flat Race (Handicap).
17. Bicycle Race, 3 miles. (Handicap).
18. Half-mile Flat Race, open to soldiers, sailors, and Police.
19. 440 yards Flat Race. (Challenge Cup).
20. Obstacle Race.
21. Consolation Race.

A scratch rowing race will be held about the end of April—date not yet fixed.

#### COST OF THE SIBERIAN RAILWAY.

A despatch has been received at the British Foreign Office from H.B.M. Ambassador at St. Petersburg stating that, according to a report published by the Committee of Construction of the Siberian Railway for the ten years' period from 1893 to 1903, based on official figures, the cost of construction of the line (not including the Manchurian Railway), a total distance of 6,665 versts, was 433,320,920 roubles, or 64,894 roubles a verst. The cost is proportionate to the distance from Europe, varying from 38,000 roubles a verst in the western section to 97,000 roubles in the eastern. A further sum of 94,320,660 roubles, or 22,287 roubles a verst, was spent on improving and strengthening the line, and a sum of 2,029,875 roubles was spent on the unfinished and abandoned Amur line. The sum spent on the Eastern Chinese Railway (2,377 versts long) was 253,498,000 roubles, or 106,645 roubles a verst. On the improvement of the Amur navigation, the Ussuri line, &c., and the construction of the port of Vladivostok, the sum expended was 10,321,028 roubles, and on the construction of the port and harbour of Dalny 18,850,000 roubles. The total expenditure, however, amounted to 940,259,401 roubles, on a total length of 9,042 versts, 103,937 roubles a verst. A rouble equals 2s. 1 1/2d., and a verst is .663 of a mile.

#### REPORTING NOTES.

One has only to look out of window to realise that the present season for sport in Hongkong is drawing to its close. The misty and moist aspect of everything portends the coming of the rains, when Hongkong cricketers, footballers, etc., lapse into inactivity. Cricket finishes this month, and football will soon follow its example, though the playing-off of Shield ties may prolong the season. Other field sports will similarly die away until the coming of next autumn revives them. Casual visitors to Hongkong are wont to express surprise that we play no cricket here in the summer, as in warmer places than this the game is played all through the summer. But, of course, with us it is chiefly the rainy season which stops cricket. We might, I think, with advantage start cricket a little earlier—regularly at the beginning of October, as we did last year for the special purpose of selecting an Interport team. October weather is more suitable for cricket in Hongkong than that of March. As the Cricket League has proved such a success in this, its first season, and promises to develop, there need be no lack of matches. The only question is whether the Cricket Ground and the Happy Valley pitches will stand more wear. Certainly some queer wickets have been seen of late.

The principal cricket match to-day will be that between the H.K.C.C. and the Navy, which is timed to begin on the Cricket Ground at 11.30—"w. p." I suppose we must now add. The Club, with its still unbeaten record for this season, lacks now of course the help of W. C. D. Turner, whom we all hope to see receiving a trial for Essex this summer.

The League matches for to-day are the H.K.C.C. Reserves v. the Parsons, and the Civil Service C.C. v. Royal Engineers. The order in the League table is now as follows, a win counting 3 points, and a draw 1:—A.O.C., 39 points; Civil Service, 28; Craigengower, 23; H.K.C.C. Reserves and R.E., 8; R.A.M.C., 7; Parsons and Tamer.

The H.K.A.F.C., their interest in the Shield competition being gone, have to solace themselves with friendly games, one against the V.R.C. being played to-day. I wonder that it has not occurred to our football authorities to institute a league tournament for the permanent teams here in addition to the Shield, which is open to the fleet as well as to Hongkong clubs. A good entry could, no doubt, be got—say, the H.K.A.F.C., V.R.C., the Sherwoods (or whatever regiment may be here), the Naval Yard, R.A., and R.E. On American tournament lines, this would mean 10 matches for each club. Such a competition would provide far more interesting games than any "friendlies" and would not interfere with the Shield. The league winners would be entitled to be considered champions of Hongkong for the season.

The Hockey Cup competition was continued yesterday, when the 110th Maharrats met the 92nd Burmas (2nd team) in the 2nd round. The result was a draw (2 goals all one penalty goal being lost by the Burmas). On Monday next the Hockey Club, now out of the Cup, play a friendly against H.M.S. *Blenheim*, and on Wednesday they meet H.M.S. *Vengeance*.

It is likely that the German Club will issue a challenge to the Hongkong Club for another match for the Challenge Shield very soon. If the Germans lose this time, the Shield goes to their opponents outright; but they are reported in very good form, and the success of their second team in the recent match should encourage them a lot. It is sure to be a great struggle, whatever the result.

The boxing on Tuesday next promises to be well worth watching. The international affair, St. Clair of Brooklyn v. Morgan of the *Vengeance*, is being much discussed in local boxing circles. I have not seen Morgan, but he has the reputation of being a sterling middleweight. St. Clair's cleverness is undeniable, and it will take a very good man to beat him.

England's great victory in the fourth test match in Australia, which gives the mother-country the rubber before the last game has been played, was not achieved without a certain amount of luck, it must be confessed. England's 207 for 7 wickets on the opening day went a very long way toward the win, as rain seems to have ruined the wicket on the third day, after England had added 42 runs on the second and Australia had lost 5 runs for 114. The Australians after the rain could only put on 17 for their remaining 5 wickets, and play being fairly even in the second innings England's margin increased from 118 to 157. The fifth game was to start to-day, at Melbourne. Whether it will be postponed until Monday owing to the undue protraction of the Sydney match (which should have concluded on the 1st instant) I cannot say. Not so much interest attaches to it, now that England has won three games. It may be remarked that England had the best of luck in all three. But as a similar run of luck favoured the Australians during their last tour in England, this is only fair. Warner's team has only lost one match up to date—the third game v. Australia.

England's win at Rugby football against Ireland at Blackheath on the 13th ult. seems to have been due to splendid forwards and a brilliance of Vivyan, the Devonport Albion three-quarter. A margin of 2 goals and 3

tries is very satisfactory. Up to this game the two countries won alternately during four seasons, prior to which Ireland enjoyed four consecutive victories. Altogether England has won seventeen, lost seven, and drawn one, the unfinished match occurring twenty-two years ago. It was not until just before the dispute in 1886 that Ireland won their first victory after eleven defeats. Then came five more wins for the Rose, but from 1894 England have been successful only four times, though scoring ten goals, twelve tries, against ten goals, eight tries.

As is known, it is proposed to have a county cricket competition on cup-tie lines this summer in England. The prospects, however, do not look brilliant, for when the entries reached the hon. secretary, on the 30th January, it was found that the following counties had sent in:—Gloucestershire, Sussex, Warwickshire, Leicestershire, Derbyshire, and Hampshire. The absence of nearly all the best counties must ruin the scheme.

#### SIX NEW STEAMERS FOR THE CHINA NAVIGATION CO.

THE COASTWISE TRADE.  
The s.s. *Taming*, the last but one of six new twin-screw steamers for the China Navigation Co. (Messrs. Butterfield & Swire) arrived here from Cardiff, on her maiden voyage, on the 3rd inst., leaving for Shanghai with her cargo, consisting of Welsh coal, yesterday morning. She is intended for the Shanghai trade, but the next vessel—the s.s. *Te An*—is intended for the Hongkong-Manila run, to run in conjunction with the s.s. *Sungking*, now undergoing extensive repairs at the hands of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co. The other four sister-ships which have already arrived here are the *Anhui* (now at Australia), *Sinan*, *Chenan*, and *Chen Hua*. All these half-dozen craft, with the exception of the *Te An*, already mentioned, are to be employed in general coasting. To describe one is, of course, pretty well to describe the lot. On boarding the *Taming* one cannot but admire the modern system of general arrangements, which, by the way, are rather unique in themselves. A spacious saloon, with fore-and-aft tables, has seating accommodation for some twenty or more persons, while the state-rooms, bath-rooms, lavatories, etc., are fitted up in the most up-to-date style. Appliances for working cargo—steam winches and derricks—work well, and are favourably placed. She has a spar-deck, and top-gallant forecastle; is a chaser (two masts) rigged; 300 ft. in length; 40 ft. beam; 21 1/2 ft. moulded depth; and has two sets of triple-expansion engines, her twin-screws being capable of propelling her some eleven knots per hour when deep loaded. She has two water ballast tanks, one at each end, so that should there be any necessity to trim her, or send her to sea without cargo, there will be no inconvenience.

Besides her cargo hatches she has three cargo ports on either side, so, when in coast ports where cargo hatches are but little cared for by Chinese stevedores, there will be every convenience. What is most interesting to shore people, however, is the passenger accommodation. Three cabins are placed on either side of the saloon, immediately above the saloon. Each of these have two bunks, fitted with spring mattresses. The floors are covered with Brussels carpets. The vessel has a carrying capacity of about 3,000 tons. She was built and engineered by Messrs. Scott & Co. of Greenock.

#### CHURCH SERVICES.

S. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.  
Centenary of the British and Foreign Bible Society.

March 6th; 3rd Sunday in Lent.  
Holy Communion (7.30 a.m.)  
Matins (10 a.m.)

Responses: *Ferial*; Venite, Alcock, Psalms, Hayes and Matthews; Benedicite, Ward in A; Jubilate, Goodson in C; Hymns—243 and 199.  
Holy Communion (12—noon.)  
Kyrie, Jackson in C. (81); Offertory Hymn, 532.

Evensong (5.45 p.m.).  
Responses: *Ferial*; Psalms, Tullie, Tallis and Rimbault; Magnificat; Hymns in B; Nunc Dimittis; Heywood in E flat; Hymns, 242, 531, and 168 Vesper Hymn—Ward (No. 1).

S. PETER'S CHURCH.  
Queen's Road West.  
Matins (11 a.m.)

Venite, Jones; Te Deum, Woodward; Benedictus, Troutbeck; Hymns, 191, 186, 182, and 579.  
Holy Communion, 12.15.

Evensong (6.30 p.m.).  
Magnificat, Goss; Nunc Dimittis, Crotch; Hymns, 192, 436, 184, and 187.

The Church Lanch Day-spring will call on ships carrying white crews to bring friends ashore to the services, between 9.15 and 10.30 a.m., and between 5.15 and 6 p.m. (Kewloon Police Pier 10.30 and 6); returning afterwards. The Answering Penitent is the call sign. All the sittings are free and unappropriated. Visitors welcome. Books, &c., provided. Sunday School 10—10.45 a.m.

GOSPEL HALL.  
Arsenal Street, Top Floor, off Queen's Road East.

Meetings are held as follows:—Sunday—Acts 2, 42, 11 a.m.; Gospel Address, 6 p.m.  
Tuesday—Soldiers and Sailors' Bible Class 6 p.m.  
Thursday—General Bible Class, 6 p.m.  
Sunday—Prayer Meeting, at 6 p.m.

#### BRITISH TRADE WITH MANCHURIA.

The Incorporated Chamber of Commerce of Liverpool has sent the following memorial to Lord Lansdowne:—  
1. That the port of Newchwang, situated in the Liao-tung or Moukden Province of Manchuria, on the right bank of the River Liao-Khe, 16 miles above the bar, was opened by the Government of China, as a Treaty Port in the year 1881, in accordance with the terms of Article XI. of the Treaty of Tientsin.

2. That Newchwang ranks about the sixth amongst the 23 Chinese Treaty Ports as shown by the Trade Returns of the Imperial Maritime Customs of China.

3. That this position is owing chiefly to British enterprise, energy, and capital, that the greater part of the property in the foreign settlement in British, that 35 per cent. of the shipping frequenting the port is British, that the foreign trade with the port was in 1902 of the value of 26,120,000, including re-exports, of which the British share was estimated at 22,500,000; and that this country also derived further industrial and financial benefits by building ships for the trade, both for British and Japanese shipowners and by manning and supplying the former.

4. That the port of Newchwang is a Treaty port of China, as a ready said, and open to the trade of all nations, and that it is the principal southern outlet for the trade of Manchuria, which has an area of about 400,000 square miles, population estimated at 15,000,000 of inhabitants, and fertile soil producing wheat, oats, barley, millet, buckwheat, maize, rice, beans, tobacco, silk, and opium, and which, moreover, is rich in cattle and horses, gold and silver, iron and tin; and that Newchwang, being already a great trade centre, must benefit greatly by the further development of Manchuria, if left under Chinese control.

5. That since the year 1900, when the Boxer rebellion took place in China, merchants of Newchwang have felt that their position and privileges were being unfavourably affected by the action of Russia, who was permitted by the Allies to undertake along the protection of the port, and who has since placed its flag over both the western and eastern Customs-houses of Newchwang, collected the Customs duties, and even regulated the tariff. That Russia also temporarily seized the Newchwang and Shanhaiwan Railway in the direction of Tientsin, and only retired on receiving a payment of claim, for cost of administration, of two or three million roubles, and after much disturbance and considerable diversion of trade.

6. That British traders deprecate a continuance of this Russian occupation of Chinese Treaty ports, and the interference of Russia in the management of matters which concern trade, and which devolve by right upon the Chinese Imperial Maritime Customs. They foresee that should the port pass more fully under Russian control, British trade would become restricted and the present "open door" closed. Moreover, both the merchants of Newchwang and Tientsin are under great apprehension of a still further Russian advance in the direction of Peking.

7. That the independence of Manchuria has been very fully recognised by Russia in the following manner, viz:—

(a) By the lease, by Russia, from the Chinese Government for a term of 25 years from March 15, 1898, of the Liao-tung Peninsula, wherein now lie Dalny and Port Arthur.  
(b) In regard to the Chinese Eastern Railway, by contracting on August 27, 1896, that China shall have the option of purchasing that railway at the end of 36 years after its completion, on certain fixed terms, and  
(c) By also agreeing in the same contract that the Eastern Chinese Railway shall revert to China at the end of 80 years from the date of its completion, if not previously bought by the Chinese Government.

8. That this Chamber has already supported the recent representations of the China Association on the subject, and received the assurance of your lordship's sympathy, and the promise that due weight would be given to the considerations then urged, and which have since been brought again to the attention of this Chamber by other interests directly concerned in trade with Manchuria.

9. Your memorialists therefore most urgently pray that your lordship will bring the matter of the preservation of British trading rights, with the port of Newchwang and the country of Manchuria, before His Majesty's Government, and urge, as indicated in your lordship's letter to this Chamber, dated November 5 last, that they will take steps, if possible in conjunction with other Powers concerned in trade with Newchwang, to secure the fulfilment by Russia of its treaty obligations to China and other nations in respect to trading privileges.

#### SAMPANS.

The sampan population at Hongkong forms an important factor, and it may be remarked, for the greater part consists of a fairly respectable class of people. The children, though they seldom receive any education, are generally well clothed, not unclean, and have sharp wits; they are very bright in picking up stray words casually dropped by their many foreign passengers. On each a gusty day in the Harbour as yesterday, when numerous boats under Chinese sails placed their gunwales under water and assumed an even-keel alternately, one could not help remarking that the passenger accommodation is less enviable than that for the crew, for should the sampan capsize—and such occurrences are not unknown—the passenger would have to extricate himself from the arched cover. Many of these small craft are worked solely by women and children, the latter almost born with an ear in their hands. It would be unreasonable to expect that sampan-people do not fight for an exorbitant fare, like ricksha-coolies ashore; some, in fact, are quite violent. The Captain-Superintendent of Police would not go far wrong if he ordered notices to be posted along the waterfront in the same manner as did one of his predecessors, now the Officer Administering the Government. The notices might be placed in the same frames as those used by the Meteorological Department. On a rough wood pier, to the west of the Naval Yard premises, is a relic of old days, and though it is in a frame with broken glass, and is covered with soot of ages, still does good work. The notice is dated 23rd March, 1899, and signed by "F. H. May, Captain-Superintendent of Police." From it we learn that the fare for two persons per hour is 20 cents; half-hour, 10 cents. Extra passengers, 5 cents per half-hour; 10 cents per hour. Between sunset and sunrise 5 cents extra per passenger. Many claims of steamers hire a private sampan, flying their respective companies' flags on them. Officers on warships, too, do likewise. Usually, the only means for members of the crew on merchant vessels, destined to land at Hongkong, when their ship is lying in the stream, is by sampan, while mostly all visitors to ships have to use like conveyance. Steam-launches, in fact, are practically confined to hotels, and firms connected with shipping.

#### NOTICE.

Owing to the Great Increase in the Furniture Business of Messrs. ACHEE & CO., we are requested by them to Resume Management of the Photographic Business hitherto carried on in their name on our behalf. From this date we will continue to the Photographic business at the same place under the name of

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Hongkong, 21st December, 1903.

#### THE TSAR'S POLICY AND "SPIRITISTS."

The *Morning Leader* has the following remarkable letter from Copenhagen:—

A story is going round in fashionable circles that the Tsar is being more than ever influenced in his political actions by spiritists. It will be remembered that some years ago a French spiritist named Philippi was said to have gained a most remarkable influence over the Tsar, and though Philippi was successfully got rid of by the Russian imperial family, the Tsar's belief in spiritism was in no way lessened. The result is—so the story goes—that to Philippi there have succeeded a certain Russian count and his beautiful wife, both being ardent spiritists. These two have introduced foreign believers in their cult to the Tsar, frequent séances have been held, and it is said that the inexplicable wavering in the Tsar's political attitude, especially in East Asian affairs, has been due to his having recourse to spirits for guidance, under the direction of his new circle of friends. It is, of course, unnecessary to repeat that the Tsar Nicholas is a friend of peace, and left to himself he would shrink from the idea of war. But his attitude was modified when the professors of the spiritist art at a certain séance called up the ghost of his father the late Tsar Alexander. The message of this august spirit is said to have been couched in these terms: "Wilt thou let Russia's sword be broken asunder?" Grief-stricken by this rebuke the Tsar shut himself up in his rooms for several days, and declined to see anyone. But when he reappeared he signed several documents of a distinctly bellicose nature. It is said, too, that an explanation of the Tsar's despotic attitude towards Finland may be found in the influence of the spiritists and their messages upon him. It is a remarkable story, and, of course, I give it as no more than a statement which is freely made—and bolstered—among persons here who claim to be in touch with Russian court circles.

#### SHIPPING NOTES.

ARRIVALS FROM THE PACIFIC.  
The Northern Pacific s.s. *Victoria* arrived from Tacoma with passengers, a mail and general cargo yesterday. She left Moji on the 29th ult. and experienced fine weather. The s.s. *Tromont* arrived from Seattle yesterday. She brought a large quantity of flour, general cargo, and 400 cases of sulphuric acid.

COAL.  
The Indo China s.s. *Takung* arrived from Hongkong yesterday with 1,827 tons of Hongkong coal.

HOW TO HONGKONG.  
The s.s. *Johanne* arrived from Haiphong and Hoihow yesterday, having experienced rainy weather between the latter port and Hongkong.

AN ITALIAN SUBSIDISED STEAMSHIP LINE.  
The King of Italy has given assent to a Government subsidy for a steamship line between Venice and Calcutta. The agreement is with the Venetian Steamship Navigation Company, and the company have the option of extending their itinerary from Calcutta to other Far Eastern ports should it be deemed advisable. The minimum tonnage of the vessels to be engaged in this service is fixed at 3,500 tons and the minimum speed at ten nautical miles per hour.

#### WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:—  
On the 4th at 11.45 a.m. the barometer has risen in Japan, where pressure is now highest, and fallen at all other stations.  
An extensive area of low pressure lies over the whole of China, having its centre probably in the Yangtze valley.  
Gradients are slight on the China Coast and over the China Sea. Moderate S.E. winds will be met with in the Persian Channel, and S to S.W. winds in the north part of the China Sea.  
Forecast:—Moderate S. winds; cloudy, fair.

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Cuticura Resolvent, Ointment and Soap are sold throughout the world. Depot London, 27, Abchurch Lane. Sole Agents, Hongkong, 12, Queen's Road Central. Price 25c per set. "How to Cure Every Humour."

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Hongkong, 18th February, 1904.

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Hongkong, 23rd February, 1904.

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Apply to—  
ROBINSON PIANO CO., LD.  
Hongkong, 10th February, 1904.

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Care of Daily Press Office.  
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Hongkong, 3rd March, 1904. [640]

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TOTAL FUNDS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1902, 216,378,771.

I. AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....	£25,000,000 0 0
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL.....	2,750,000 0 0
PAID-UP CAPITAL.....	687,500 0 0
II. FUND FUNDS.....	2,867,215 14 10

The Undersigned AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., Agents. [1888]

### THE BOMBAY FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

Hongkong, 19th June, 1903.

The Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to accept RISKS at Current Rates.

HOLLAND CHINA TRADING CO., Hongkong, 26th November, 1903. [2160]

### UNION OF PARIS FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

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SIEMSEN & CO., Hongkong, 1st January, 1904. [1]

### AACHEN AND MUNICH FIRE INSURANCE CO. OF AIX-LE-CHAPPEL.

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REUTER, BROCKELMANN & CO., Agents. [1899]

### PHENIX FIRE OFFICE.

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WM. MEYERINK & CO., Hongkong, 18th May, 1903. [194]

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TURNER & CO., Agents. [267]

Hongkong, 23rd September, 1903.

## AUCTIONS

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, TO-DAY (SATURDAY), the 5th MARCH, 1904, at 2.30 P.M., at his SALES ROOMS, Queen's Road, LADIES' DRESS MATERIALS; CRETONNE, ART MUSLINS, TABLE COVERS, QUILTS, GLOVES and HATS; LADIES' and GENTS' BOOTS and SHOES.

&c., &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE:—As Customary.

V. I. REMEDIOS, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 2nd March, 1904. [633]

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED), TO-DAY (SATURDAY), the 5th MARCH, 1904, at 2.30 P.M., at their SALES ROOMS, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, (Corner of Ice House Street), SUNDRY HANDSOME JAPANESE HAND CARVED CHERRY WOOD FURNITURE, Comprising:—

DRESSING TABLE, BED, MIRROR, CHAIRS, ROUND MIRRORS and LEATHER CHAIR, &c., &c.

TERMS:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 2nd March, 1904. [634]

### PONIES! PONIES! PONIES!!!

THE undersigned will hold their Annual Sale of Race Ponies by Public Room as under:—

TO-DAY (SATURDAY), the 5th MARCH, at 4 P.M., at KENNEDY'S, CAUSEWAY BAY, REPOSITORY, upwards of

FIFTY LOTS.

TERMS:—As usual.

Catalogues will be issued.

HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 27th February, 1904. [673]

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from R. K. LEIGH, Esq., to sell by Public Auction, on

MONDAY, the 7th MARCH, 1904, at 2.15 P.M., within his residence "Lionel Terrace," The Peak, THE WHOLE OF HIS VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, Comprising:—

MOROCCO and TAPESTRY COVERED SOFAS and CHAIRS, CANTON CARVED BLACKWOOD DESK and FLOWER STANDS, BRONZE and CLOISONNE VASES, JAPANESE CARVED WOOD SETTEE and CHAIR, TEAKWOOD EXTENSION DINING TABLE and CHAIRS, DINNER WAGGONS, TEAKWOOD SIDEBOARD, GLASS and CROCKERY WARE, DINNER SERVICE, DOUBLE BRASS MOUNTED IRON BEDSTEAD with WIRE and HAIR MATTRESSES, TEAKWOOD WARD-ROBES with BEVELLED GLASS, MARBLE-TOP WASHSTANDS, COOKING STOVE and UTENSILS, &c., &c., &c.

A large number of PALMS and FLOWERS in pots.

Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 27th February, 1904. [597]

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, the 8th and 9th MARCH, 1904, at 10 A.M., at H. M. NAVAL YARD, SUNDRY NAVAAL AND VICTUALLING, OBSOLETE and CONDEMNED STORES, Comprising:—

BOATS ENGINES, OLD BRASS, COPPER, IRON, PAPER STUFF, CANVAS, FURNITURE, IMPLEMENTS, &c.

Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS OF SALE:—As Customary.

HUGHES & HOUGH, Government Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 5th March, 1904. [649]

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from R. T. WRIGHT, Esq., to sell by Public Auction, on

THURSDAY, the 10th MARCH, 1904, at 2.30 P.M., within his residence No. 10, MCDONNELL ROAD, THE WHOLE OF HIS VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, Comprising:—

MOROCCO and TAPESTRY COVERED SOFAS and CHAIRS, TEAKWOOD EXTENSION DINING TABLE and CHAIRS, DINNER WAGGONS, TEAKWOOD SIDEBOARD with BEVELLED GLASS, DOUBLE BRASS MOUNTED IRON BEDSTEAD with WIRE and HAIR MATTRESSES, MARBLE-TOP WASHSTANDS, TEAKWOOD DRESSING TABLE with BEVELLED GLASS, WARD-ROBES, GLASS and CROCKERY WARE, COOKING STOVE and UTENSILS, &c., &c., &c.

A large number of PALMS and FLOWERS in pots.

Catalogues will be issued.

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HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 4th March, 1904. [650]

### NOTICE TO KOWLOON RESIDENTS

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Hongkong, 22nd December, 1903. [3518]

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Hongkong, 17th October, 1903. [261]

### THE WOMAN ON THE DERELICT,

BEING THE STRANGE LOVE STORY OF JOHN BRAMWELL,

BY GUY BOOTHBY.

(Author of "Dr. Nikola," "My Indian Queen," &c., &c.)

CHAPTER IX. (Continued.)

I did catch the train, and an hour later was standing before the fire in the pretty little drawing-room of Acacia Villa, awaiting the coming of my hostess. Presently she entered the room, leaning upon her stick. She greeted me warmly and begged me to draw a chair up to the fire as the afternoon was cold.

"Alexandra will be here in a few moments," she said. "Short though the time has been, I think you will see a little change in her."

She had hardly said this before the door opened, and the girl herself entered the room. I could scarcely suppress an exclamation of surprise as I looked at her. You must remember that, so far, I had not seen her well dressed. Now, she was attired in a costume of some dark grey material, which showed off her shapely figure to perfection. Nothing could have suited her better. She knew me at once, and gave me her little hand with charming grace. Though she was still far from being herself, it seemed to me that there really was an improvement. There was still the melancholy, absorbed look in her eyes, but it was not so marked as it had been when we left the ship. She became more animated when I inquired how she liked Hampton Court. She had seen all there was to be seen, and declared that she would never tire of visiting the Palace. I told her that I must get her to show me over it, whereupon kindly Mrs. Jackson suggested that we should go that afternoon.

"You will have plenty of time to walk through the Galleries before it grows dark. Run away and put on your things, my dear."

She did as she was bid, and in about five minutes returned dressed for walking. While she had been absent I had learned from Mrs. Jackson that her son was still in charge of the ship at Plymouth, and that he did not know when he should be able to leave her.

"Now be off with you," she said, "and don't let me see either of you until half-past four, when we will take tea."

You may guess for yourself how much I enjoyed the walk and the stroll through those quaint old rooms. I was surprised to find how much my companion knew about the pictures. We were passing through one of the stately rooms which overlooks the gardens and the Long Water, when she led me to one of the pictures and stood gazing at it as if she could not let her eyes off it. Personally, I could not see a connoisseur of such matters. I could not see much in it, but it seemed to exercise a strange fascination over her.

"Oh, what would Canti say, could he see it?" I heard her murmur.

Scarcely thinking what I was saying, and speaking in a casual tone, I inquired who Canti might be.

"He was my master in Florence, Bartholomew Canti."

She spoke without looking round, and then resumed her contemplation of the picture. Then the magnitude of the discovery I had made burst in upon me, and I felt as if I could have shouted for joy. Quite by chance I had stumbled on one little clue. If Canti were in the land of the living I would find him out, and see what he could tell me about her. I tried to question her further about him, but her memory had gone again, and my efforts were of no avail.

Having exhausted the Galleries, I inspected the Courtyard, and strolled through the Gardens. We found it was time to return to Acacia Villa. We were passing through the Fountain Courtyard, which was now almost dark in the Cloisters, when a curious thing happened. Standing in one of the doorways was a man, and I was prepared to swear that he was no other than the miserable little individual whom I had heard Armitage rating so thoroughly that morning.

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BEING THE STRANGE LOVE STORY OF JOHN BRAMWELL, BY GUY BOOTHBY.

(Author of "Dr. Nikola," "My Indian Queen," &c., &c.)

CHAPTER IX. (Continued.)

I did catch the train, and an hour later was standing before the fire in the pretty little drawing-room of Acacia Villa, awaiting the coming of my hostess. Presently she entered the room, leaning upon her stick. She greeted me warmly and begged me to draw a chair up to the fire as the afternoon was cold.

"Alexandra will be here in a few moments," she said. "Short though the time has been, I think you will see a little change in her."

She had hardly said this before the door opened, and the girl herself entered the room. I could scarcely suppress an exclamation of surprise as I looked at her. You must remember that, so far, I had not seen her well dressed. Now, she was attired in a costume of some dark grey material, which showed off her shapely figure to perfection. Nothing could have suited her better. She knew me at once, and gave me her little hand with charming grace. Though she was still far from being herself, it seemed to me that there really was an improvement. There was still the melancholy, absorbed look in her eyes, but it was not so marked as it had been when we left the ship. She became more animated when I inquired how she liked Hampton Court. She had seen all there was to be seen, and declared that she would never tire of visiting the Palace. I told her that I must get her to show me over it, whereupon kindly Mrs. Jackson suggested that we should go that afternoon.

"You will have plenty of time to walk through the Galleries before it grows dark. Run away and put on your things, my dear."

She did as she was bid, and in about five minutes returned dressed for walking. While she had been absent I had learned from Mrs. Jackson that her son was still in charge of the ship at Plymouth, and that he did not know when he should be able to leave her.

"Now be off with you," she said, "and don't let me see either of you until half-past four, when we will take tea."

You may guess for yourself how much I enjoyed the walk and the stroll through those quaint old rooms. I was surprised to find how much my companion knew about the pictures. We were passing through one of the stately rooms which overlooks the gardens and the Long Water, when she led me to one of the pictures and stood gazing at it as if she could not let her eyes off it. Personally, I could not see a connoisseur of such matters. I could not see much in it, but it seemed to exercise a strange fascination over her.

"Oh, what would Canti say, could he see it?" I heard her murmur.

Scarcely thinking what I was saying, and speaking in a casual tone, I inquired who Canti might be.

"He was my master in Florence, Bartholomew Canti."

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Though the picture was in a quite unfinished state, I recognised it as a copy of that before which she had stood so long that afternoon. Little though I knew of such things, I could tell that her talent was of no mean order. I handed it back, and thanked her for showing it to me. Our dinner that evening was a more cheerful one than on the previous occasion. Miss Janet was in excellent spirits, while I did my best to second her efforts. Now and again the old lady told anecdotes of her youth. Miss Alexandra, however, though she appeared to be listening, scarcely uttered a word, save when spoken to. When we returned to the drawing-room Miss Janet played and sang to us, and at half-past nine I rose to say "good-night."

"I hope we shall see you again very soon," said my hostess. "You know that you will always be welcome."

"I am afraid not for a week or two," I answered, and then added, watching Miss Alexandra's face, as I spoke, "I am thinking of leaving to-morrow for Florence."

My remark seemed to have no effect upon her. Her expression was as impassive as if she had never heard the name.

"Surely this is rather a sudden resolution, is it not, Mr. Bramwell?" asked Mrs. Jackson.

"I am rather prone to act on impulse," I remarked. "Florence is a city I have always longed to visit, and as I have some rather particular business to transact there, and may have a lot to do later on, I thought I would take advantage of the opportunity and go now."

They wished me a pleasant journey and, having promised to let them know my address when I reached my destination, I bade them "good-night" and made my way into the Hall. Miss Janet followed me, and while I was putting on my great coat opened the door for me. As I was about to pass out she took an envelope from her pocket and held it out to me.

"This is a little present for you, Mr. Bramwell," she said. "I hope you will like it, but don't look at it until you get to the train."

I thanked her and promised that I would not. It was a wild old night, and, for this reason, I lost no time in reaching the railway station.

Having selected a smoking carriage I lit a cigar, and then taking the envelope from my pocket opened it with some curiosity. It was a photograph of Miss Alexandra—and an excellent likeness. She could not have given me anything that I could value more.

Wondering whether I could obtain a paper, I went out of the window in search of a newsboy.

At the same moment a man, who from his appearance should have been soaked to the skin, passed the carriage. He looked up and saw me, gave a start of astonishment, and passed quickly on to a compartment further up the train.

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Goods not cleared by the 7th prox. will be

subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

All damaged packages must be left in the

Godowns, and a certificate of the damage

obtained from the Godown Company within

ten days after the steamer's arrival, after which

no claims will be recognised.

MCGREGOR BROS. & GOW,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 29th February, 1904. [612]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY,  
LIMITED,

AND  
CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVI-  
GATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer

"RHIPPEUS,"

are hereby notified that the Cargo is being

discharged into Craft, and/or landed at the

Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon

Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., where in both

cases it will be at Consignees' risk. The Cargo

will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown

on and after the 4th inst.

Optional Cargo will be landed, unless notice

has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to

be left in the Godowns, where they will be

examined at 11 A.M. on the 8th inst.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods

have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods

remaining undelivered after the 9th inst. will

be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be pre-

sented to the Underwriter on or before the

12th inst., or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 3rd March, 1904. [10-11]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY,  
LIMITED,

AND  
CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVI-  
GATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer

"MACHAON,"

are hereby notified that the Cargo is being

discharged into Craft, and/or landed at the

Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon

Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., where in both

cases it will be at Consignees' risk. The Cargo

will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown

on and after the 5th inst.

Optional Cargo will be landed, unless notice

has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to

be left in the Godowns, where they will be

examined at 11 A.M. on the 10th inst.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods

have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods

remaining undelivered after the 10th inst. will

be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be pre-

sented to the Underwriter on or before the

15th inst., or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 3rd March, 1904. [10-11]

A. LING & CO.,  
FURNITURE STORE,  
PLATED GLASS AND CROCKERY  
WARE, &c., &c., and FOOCHOW  
LACQUERED WARE,  
68, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL,  
Hongkong, 21st September, 1903. [614]

THE AMERICAN SYSTEM  
OF  
DENTISTRY.  
DR. M. H. CHAUN,  
27, DES VERTS ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.  
From the University of Pennsylvania, U.S.A.  
Hongkong, 10th March, 1903. [647]

## NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"PREUSSEN,"

OF THE NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD,

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby

informed that their Goods, with the exception

of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being

landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns

of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and

Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence

delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless

notice to the contrary be given before 11 A.M.,

To-day, the 3rd inst.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods

have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining

undelivered after the 9th March, will be subject

to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to

be left in the Godowns, where they will be

examined on Wednesday, the 9th March, at

9.30 A.M.

All Claims must reach us before the 14th

March, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the

undersigned.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD,  
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Agents.

Hongkong, 3rd March, 1904. [5]

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